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WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

A National Bank has been organized at Vandalia.

W. S. Biggs of near Farber is at Attica, Indiana, taking treatment for rheumatism.

Rev. L. H. Lapping of Laddonia has moved to Cameron where he will enter college.

Rev. R. D. Chinn of Vandalia will begin a revival at the Rush Hill Christian church next Sunday.

T. L. Brown, formerly of this city, a brother of John X. Brown here, was recently elected district judge in Oklahoma on the Democratic ticket.

George Shay, formerly of Mexico and who is a nephew of George Brock of this city, was married a few days ago to Miss Maud Dunkle of Carrollton, Mo.

D. M. Roberts of this city returned last week from an extended visit to the family of his son-in-law Cliff Lawrence, of near Concord, Callaway county. Mr. Lawrence and family will move to the Abe Larimore farm, south of Mexico, next spring.

A man who called himself H. B. Sharp, from Iowa, is in the Mexico jail for 60 days for begging money and claiming to be a Mason and Odd Fellow. He was arrested on the charge of misrepresentation. He is not a Mason and Odd Fellow — was not Sharp enough to prove his claim.

At the State Grand Lodge of Masons held in St. Louis last week Frank R. Jesse of this city was appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Jesse is one of the brightest young Masons in the State. He holds the office, also, of District Deputy Grand Master for the 27th district of Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Cook, north of Mexico, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kathryn Anna Cook, to Mr. John William Henderson, the nuptials to be celebrated the evening of October 8th. It is a very worthy young couple, and we extend them our congratulations and best wishes in advance.

Louis S. Koch, northwest of Rush Hill, was in to see the MESSAGE the other day. He is one of the successful and prosperous farmers down that way. He has a crop of 110 acres of corn which he thinks will yield 50 bushels to acre. However, he says corn is not going to weigh out as well as farmers thought. It is a little soft and too much went to stalk. Mr. Koch's oat crop yielded him over 2,000 bushels and he sold 1,600 bushels at 40 cents a bushel. It was the black oats variety.

J. S. Hollenshead of Chanute, Kansas, called on the MESSAGE last Thursday. He used to live out near Hollensville, this county. He has a son, H. H. Hollenshead, who is in the grocery business at Centralia. Mr. Hollenshead went out to Chanute last February. He has two daughters residing there. He bought some real estate near the town and in a short time after was offered a profit of \$3,000 on it. Chanute is in the oil and gas region of Kansas. Mr. Hollenshead has a gas well on his farm which brings him \$150 a month. He certainly made a good investment.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fr., Pres.
Sam Locke, Cashier.

Warren Harper has just finished the erection of a new barn, the cost of the building being \$535.

B. A. Thornburgh has just completed the erection of a fine new barn for Ed. Walker in northwest Mexico.

Mrs. J. N. Rigg of this city, whose husband died suddenly a few weeks ago, is arranging to move to Woodbine, Iowa.

Frank Ruse, northeast of Mexico, is getting ready to put up a fine new barn, 30 x 40, to take the place of the one he recently lost by fire.

Stockmen unloaded 23 cars of sheep, 4,006 head, at the Burlington depot at Martinsburg last Saturday night. Going into the sheep business down that way in earnest. Well, there's money in it.

Mrs. W. P. Rowland of this city is District Secretary and Organizer for the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church. She returned home last week from a tour of the work over the district.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Finley of this city left this week for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Earl Wiseman, at Washington, D. C. They will stop at Tuscola, Ill., on a short visit to other relatives, where Mrs. Wiseman is at present visiting, who will accompany them on to Washington.

Dr. H. K. Hinde and wife of Fulton have been here for a few days past arranging to move their household effects to Madison, Ill., where they will make their home in the future. They have a son residing in that place. Mr. and Mrs. Hinde expect to spend this winter, however, on a visit to their daughter, in Old Mexico.

There was a little hurricane down in the neighborhood of the C. H. Harrington place, where W. C. Atkins now lives, last Friday afternoon. One corner of the barn was torn away and the windmill was blown down. Children from the Beagles school were caught in the wind and rain and some of them stretched themselves in plow furrows to keep from being blown away. They came out "wet as rats," don't yer know.

Wellsville Optic-News: Mrs. Nannie Reid of Mexico is visiting her brother, Dr. J. C. Blaine. Mrs. Reid spent the past year in Visalia, California with her daughter, Mrs. John Fikenscher. From here she will go to visit her son, Campbell Reid, at Warrenton who is County Treasurer of Warren County.

Perry Enterprise: Wm. Bailey and wife and Mrs. Dr. Welch, of Laddonia, visited Dr. J. J. Kennedy and family Friday, going from here to Center to visit George DeLaporte and family, where they remained until Monday. Mr. Bailey is a prominent farmer and stockman. His wife is a sister of Mesdames Kennedy and DeLaporte.

Louisiana Press-Journal: Rube Markwell will move his family to Mexico. He is now conductor on the Mexico and Jefferson City branch. He spent the summer at Vera and is greatly improved in health.

Salesman Wanted.

Good salary to the right man. Address, Gorman & Co., Kirkwood, Mo.

For Sale.

A good drug business in Mexico, Mo. Failing health reason for selling. Inquire at MESSAGE office.

For Sale.

A yearling jack, sired by a jack that sold for \$1200; dam 15 hands high, or about that, sired by Sam King, a fine jack called 16 hands high. Address W. Cornett, Laddonia, Mo.

AUDRAIN BAPTISTS.

Concerning the Association Meeting at Zion Last Week.

The Audrain Baptist Association met with Zion Baptist church, 7 miles north of Sturgeon, Mo., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 24 and 25.

Quite a number of the messengers having arrived Monday night, a service was held in the church and Bro. J. W. Keltner preached.

Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. the Association commenced for business. Bro. C. C. Long, pastor at Centralia, preached the introductory sermon. Subject: "Christianity a Vitalizing Force in the World." It was an able and forceful talk. Brethren Witherspoon and Truex read the letters from the churches and enrolled the messengers. Eighteen of the nineteen churches were represented. Several only by letter, however.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of J. E. Jesse for moderator and the election of C. A. Witherspoon for clerk.

The letters as read showed there had been about 200 additions to the 19 churches in the Association.

The meeting was full of life from the beginning. The visiting brother was much in evidence. Bro. T. S. West, State Mission Secretary, R. S. Davidson, S. S. Evangelist, H. W. Virgin, W. H. Gamett, S. M. Brown, C. M. Truex, Jas. Rowan and many others. These brethren all took part in the discussions and greatly aided in the work. Dr. M. J. Breaker of St. Louis was also present, representing Home and Foreign Missions.

The churches all sent up hopeful and some very encouraging reports. All of the interests in which our denomination is interested were presented by committees and their reports discussed, which developed some very helpful conditions and some not so bright.

The church at Zion is one of our mission churches, but showed itself amply able to care for the Association. The crowd does not fly over a more generous and hospitable people than Zion Baptists and their friends.

Dr. Truex, pastor at Mexico, preached the doctrinal sermon on Wednesday. Subject: "Is There a Hell and is it Eternal?"

Those who attended pronounced the meeting a very profitable and enjoyable one. The next meeting will be at Hopewell, 4 miles west of Mexico. Bro. Editor, you may go if you will promise to quit the Methodists too soon right away.

Those attending from Mexico: Dr. H. E. Truex, F. M. Shoush, M. D., J. A. Guthrie, J. W. Sims, Hon. W. H. Kennan, E. A. Shannon and wife, C. A. Witherspoon, Misses Carrie Kennan, Pearl Carpenter, Carleton and Rath Fonville, Rev. J. W. Keltner, J. E. Jesse.

I. P. Dyer sold to R. O. Guthrie a buck sheep for \$12.

The city police made a raid on a crap game in Flat Rock Saturday night. Four negroes answered in Judge Bass' court Monday morning.

Paris Appeal: W. L. Bybee, near Santa Fe, sold a pair of mule colts to Wm. Norman for \$110 and brought a pair of fancy 2-year-olds for \$400. He sold 2 steer calves to Z. B. Hunt for \$20 each and 1 for \$15.

Dr. H. M. Hamill of Nashville, Tenn., lectured to the teachers of Audrain county at the Mexico Methodist church last Saturday night. Too few of the teachers were present. It was a talk worth coming miles to hear.

'NOTHER GOOD LIST.

They Keep Coming—New Readers of the Message

Since our last report the following are new subscribers or renewals to the MESSAGE:

G. A. Roe.
J. R. Snook.
Frank A. Ehret.
R. M. Hanna
Cliff Dodgeon
J. D. Lott
Miss Nannie E. Hanna
S. B. Coons
W. H. Adams
J. W. Rouse
Val Erdel, Jr.
H. L. Weaver
W. U. Coil
C. W. Langford
E. C. S. Miller
Emiel Diessel
S. S. Roberts
J. A. Reighley
C. F. Morris
Clarence Hudson
J. C. Emmons
W. H. Morris
C. C. Lucas
R. O. Lucas
J. S. Hollenshead
Mrs. Fannie Powell
Louis S. Koch

Ball's a Candidate.

Montgomery City, Mo., September 27.—Dave Ball of Pike County stated positively here to-day that he had decided to enter the race for governor. He talked about his platform, but said he was "up in the air" as to who his Democratic opponent would be. He is, however, pretty certain that Congressman Champ Clark will not be a candidate for governor, as reported, but that the Ninth District member will be a candidate for Congress to succeed himself, in the hopes that the next House will be Democratic and he will be its speaker. Mr. Ball said that he did not speak with authority in regard to Clark. He said he expected to see Folk and Stone fight it out in the state primary for the office of United States senator.

Mr. Ball was asked regarding the platform he would make the race for governor on. He replied:

"Law enforcement, opposition to trusts and corporations."
"What about the temperance question now attracting wide attention?"

"Missouri is evidently opposed to the liquor traffic, but it is not a political question, as I view it."

Prin. John H. Rain and Miss Florence Kirkpatrick of the Farber public schools were up to hear Dr. Hamill's lecture to the teachers here last Saturday night.

Clarence Hudson, son of Mrs. Kate Hudson, down south of Mexico, is a student at the Chillicothe Normal. The MESSAGE will keep him posted on Audrain county happenings while he is away.

Miss Nola Hanna is teacher at Gatewood, Miss Mary Coakley at Bryant and Mr. George Coakley at Central—all three schools near each other out beyond Molino. Of these three schools there is this saying going the rounds, "they have the teachers this time."

Perry Enterprise: Leander Moore of near Laddonia attended the colt show at Perry Saturday, and brought along with him a fine mule colt, just to show his many Perry friends what he could raise. The colt is 14 hands and a half inch tall, 5½ months old and weighs 600 pounds. It took 1st premium in a mule colt ring at Mexico fair.

Annual Meeting.

The Audrain County Horticultural and Beekeepers Association will hold its annual meeting in Mexico at Clark's abstract office on Monday, October 7th. All interested are urged to be present.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

The Louisiana Fair Co. has dissolved. Will sell grounds and go into voluntary liquidation.

W. H. Elliott of near Perry is at Dwight, Ill., to get rid of his taste for liquor. Here's certainly hoping he'll succeed.

A town boy was "filled mit shot" Saturday night, while in a farmer's watermelon patch, east of Fulton. The physician extracted 51 bird-shot from his anatomy.

Mrs. Hannah Angell of Centralia has filed suit against the Wabash railroad for \$700, the value of five steers killed and two crippled on the 14th of last January.

Cecil Witwer, who shot into Herring school house in Callaway county, June 24, plead guilty and was sentenced to two years in the reform school at Booneville.

James A. Turner of Pike has near 100 barrels of Jonathan apples and has sold them on the trees at \$4.00 per barrel. Yum, yum, throw us one of the juicy fellows.

The Odd Fellows are to have a big meeting at Elsberry Oct. 17th. The officers of the state grand lodge are to be present, and there will be big doings. The Modern Woodman Band of Louisiana will furnish music.

Before leaving for Canada, Rupert Chandler of near Gazette, put his wheat crop in the granary, but somehow the building leaked out about 10 bushels of wheat. A mare and mule colt running in the enclosure gorged themselves with the wheat, and were next morning both found dead.

It is said that a horse fell into a well at Fulton last week, going down about twenty feet into four feet of water. The well was filled from a hydrant and the horse floated gracefully to the top and galloped off, his feelings not in the least dampened by his experience.

A few days ago we were asked if we ever saw a baldheaded woman, says the Ozark Tribune. We answered no, we never did; nor did we ever see a woman waltzing around town in her shirt sleeves with a cigar in her teeth and running into every saloon she saw. We have never seen a woman go fishing with a bottle in her pocket, sit on the damp ground all day and come home drunk at night. Nor have we ever seen a woman yank off her coat and say she could lick any man in town. No, she's not built that way.

A Kirksville man sued a railway for causing the death of his hunting dog, and the road's attorney fled this answer: "Said dog was chasing a rabbit up defendant's track in violation of the game law. The said rabbit lived on defendant's right of way and was the property of defendant. Plaintiff's dog was a trespasser and was hunting on defendant's property without permission. Said deceased was not much of a dog, anyway, else it could easily have kept out of the way of an 'O. K.' flier. And having fully answered, defendant prays to be discharged with its costs."

The Paris Appeal says: Dixie Towles, south of Paris, brings apples regularly to Paris market and finds a ready sale for them at \$1 a bushel. If other people had followed his plan the fruit crop would have been saved. On frosty nights in the spring he built big fires in his orchard and kept up such a dense smoke that the frost which fell elsewhere did not visit his trees. Wet straw, or anything that would make a very heavy cloud over the trees, will keep the frost away, on the same principle that a cloudy night is never a frosty night. Mr. Towles will have about 300 bushels of apples.

The Review says that an Aux-

vasse man one day went out of town for a day's fishing, taking a luncheon with him. When he had reached the stream where he intended to enjoy his sport he found he had dropped his luncheon somewhere on the way. He hastened back to look for it. Presently he met a burly dorky, who seemed very well pleased with himself, and who was in the act of brushing crumbs from his lips with his sleeve. "Did you pick up anything in the road as you came along?" asked the fisherman with a suspicious glance at the negro. No, sah, promptly returned the colored man "I didn't pick up nothing. Couldn't a dog hab found it and et it up?"

A Good Fair at Clark.

B. W. Hale of this county in the Ruralist of Sedalia says:

There are a good many enterprising breeders in the vicinity of Clark, Mo., and this year they decided to have a fair. Grounds were purchased and permanent buildings erected and the first annual fair held on September 11th, 12th, 13th. I made a flying visit on the 12th and found things humming. There are no races at the fair, just an old time Agricultural and Live Stock Exposition, and how the people did enjoy it. They looked at the splendid corn and other grains, fruits and vegetables and cattle and hogs and chickens and mules and horses and everything that goes to make up a good fair.

Let the good work go on, let the little fairs be liberally supported, to the end that we may all be induced to put forth greater efforts, to be satisfied with nothing short of the best of everything.

Died at 114.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat a few days ago contained this item.

Mrs. Susan Bowles, colored, well known in the vicinity of Vandalia, Mo., as "Aunt Sukie," died in that city on September 24th at the advanced age of 114 years, and is said to have been the oldest woman in the state. "Aunt Sukie" was a native of Virginia, where the fact of her birth in 1793 is established on very good authority. She was a grown woman with several children when Andrew Jackson was elected to the presidency. The family in which she was reared a slave emigrated to Kentucky, and on the trip she was specially charged with the care of her master's oldest child, then a boy of 12. Thirty years later, at the death of her old master, she was claimed by the young master in the division of his father's estate, and emigrated with him and his family to Missouri and settled near Middletown more than fifty years ago, where he died, an old man, several years ago.

She has at least one grandchild 60 years old. There is no authentic record of her birth, and members of her former master's family place her age at 125, but "Aunt Sukie," who fixed her own age by well-established historical events, resented any exaggeration of her age and was positive that she was born in 1793. She is said to have had a mixture of Indian blood, which was indicated by her high cheek bones and flashing eyes when angered.

Robert Grainge has sold the Southern Hotel in Laddonia to J. A. Quiek.

Mrs. J. A. Swartwood and daughter, Miss Stella, visited in Fulton and Auxvasse recently.

Dr. W. E. Cornett of Rush Hill disposed of a fine span of mules the other day, getting \$500 for the sale.

Adcock & Weir have sold the Ringo Hotel business in this city to G. L. Reid of Fulton. Mr. Reid took charge of the hotel this week.

Money to loan on real estate security. J. W. HOWELL.